

ECKINGTON AND SOLDIERS' HOME RAILWAY COMPANY.

FEBRUARY 22, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 3877.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3877) amending the charter of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railroad Company, respectfully report:

This committee has heretofore reported a House bill identical with this bill, with the exception of section 5, which is added to the Senate bill. The committee recommend that section 5 be stricken out, and that as thus amended the bill do pass.

The report on House bill on same subject is hereto attached.

[House Report No. 3821, Fiftieth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11823) to amend the charter of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back with a substitute and recommend that the substitute pass.

The Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company was chartered at the first session of the Fiftieth Congress and the road was promptly built and put into operation. It is undoubtedly the best electric railway in the United States, and beyond comparison superior to any horse railway. The purpose of this bill is to allow the extension of the road to the business portion of the city for the greater accommodation of its patrons.

The route proposed by the substitute is from the present line on New York avenue, down Fifth street west to E, west on E to Fourteenth street, north on Fourteenth street to F street, and west on F to Fifteenth street opposite the Treasury Building. The route occupies a small portion of the F street line on Fifth street, but in no way interferes with or competes for the traffic of that road. It also occupies a small portion of the Belt line road on E street, but will not interfere with the business of that road. On the contrary it will be a benefit to both of these roads.

The committee believe that the construction of this road will be a very desirable improvement to the city, and therefore report the substitute with the recommendation that it pass.